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## **Michigan Student Data System (MSDS)**

### **XML Validation Guide**

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## XML File Validation

### Software Installation

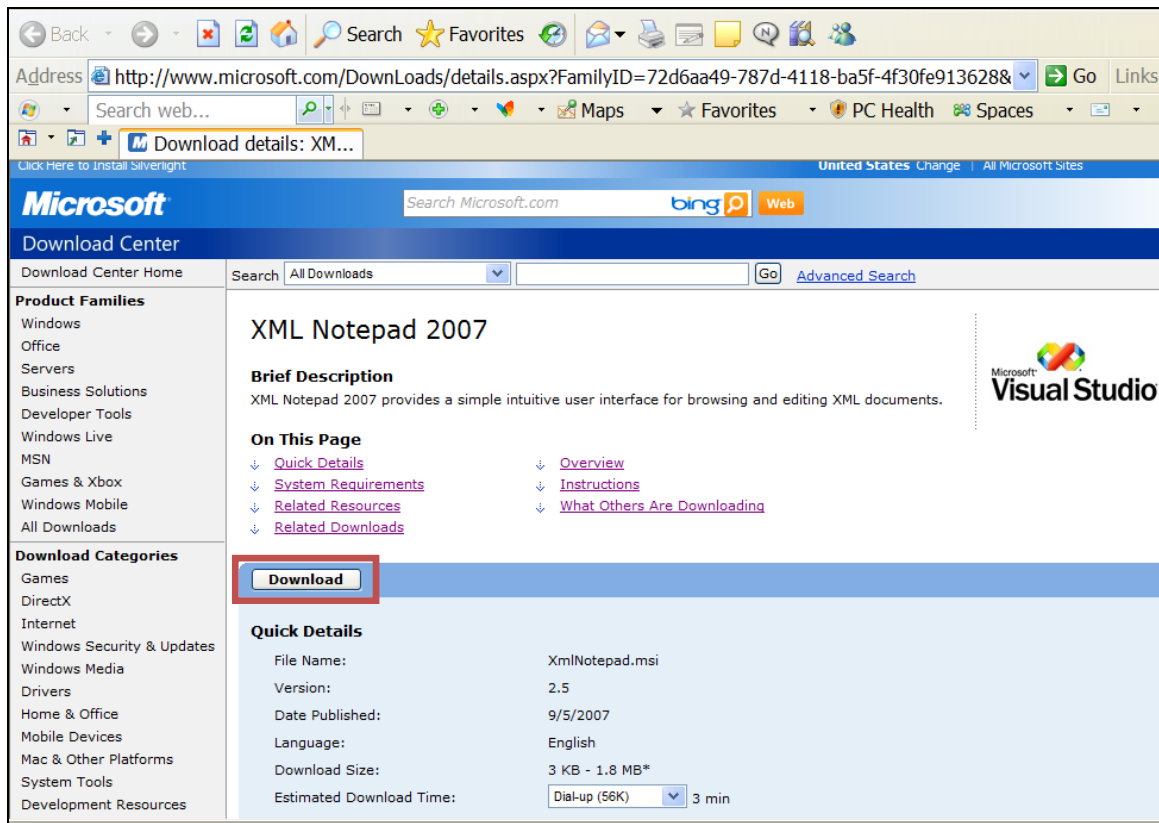
In order to validate the XML files, you have to download and install the tool XML Notepad on to your desktop. This is a one-time installation. Once installed, XML Notepad can be used to validate all the XML files.

*The system requirements for this download are Windows XP, Vista, or 7 and .Net Framework v2.0.*

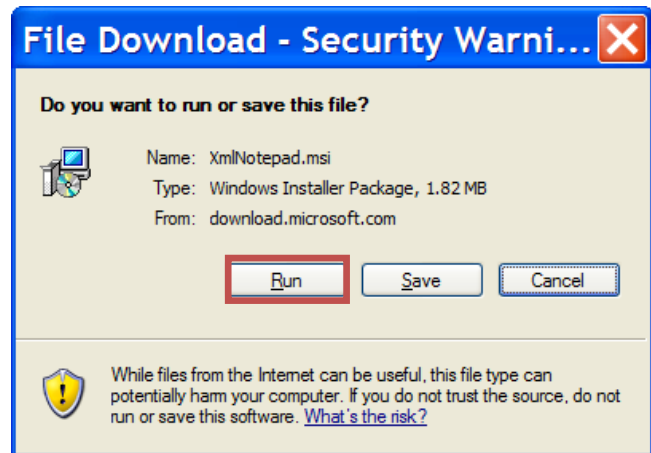
Go to the Web page listed below:

<http://www.microsoft.com/DownLoads/details.aspx?FamilyID=72d6aa49-787d-4118-ba5f-f30fe913628&displaylang=en>

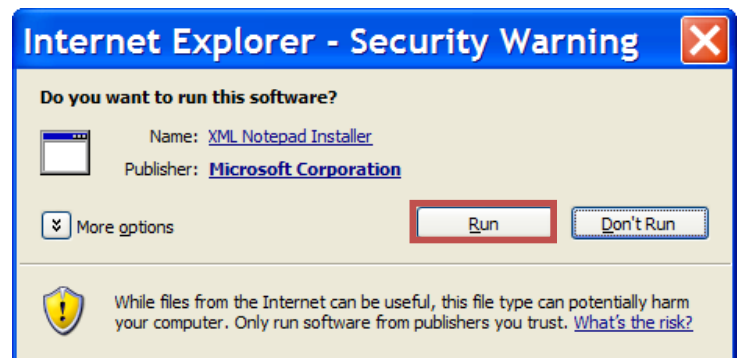
Click on the "Download" button.



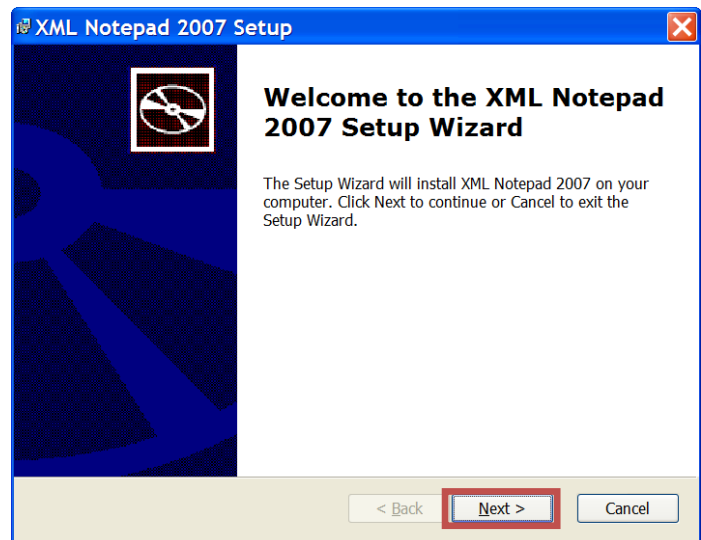
To install the application upon the completion of the download click the "Run" button. If you wish to save the file for later use click "Save."



You may be prompted with a security warning when you being the installation process. Click "Run" to continue.



Click "Next" to proceed with the installation process.

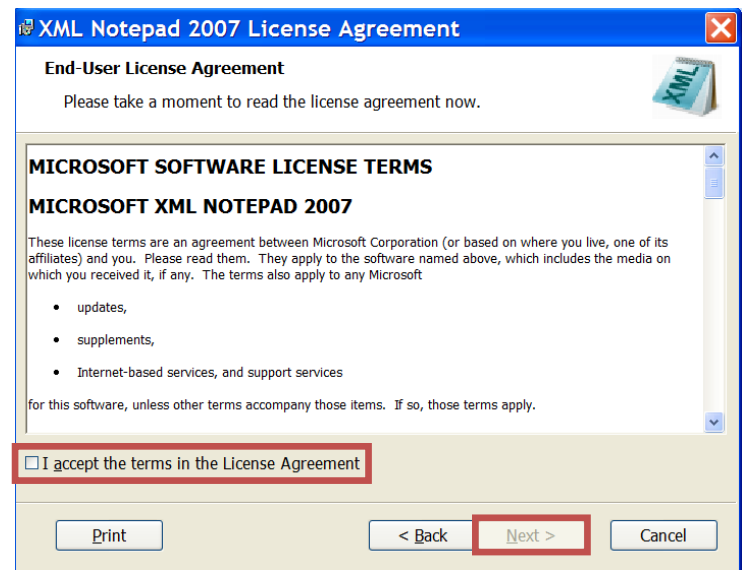


Check the box "I accept the terms..." and then click the "Next" button.

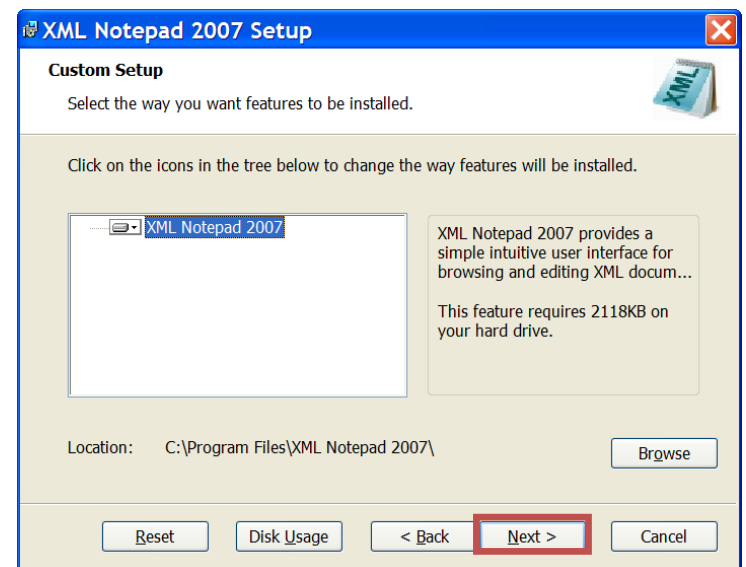
The "Next" button will activate once you accept the terms.

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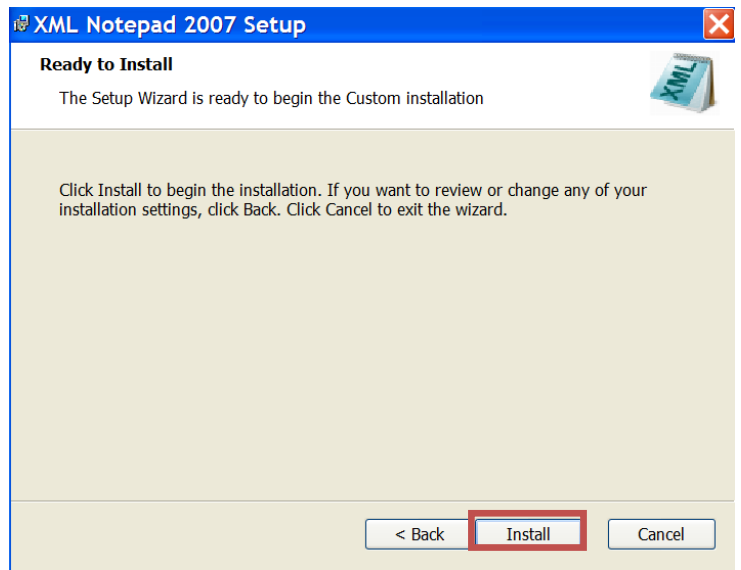
C:\Program Files\XML Notepad 2007\



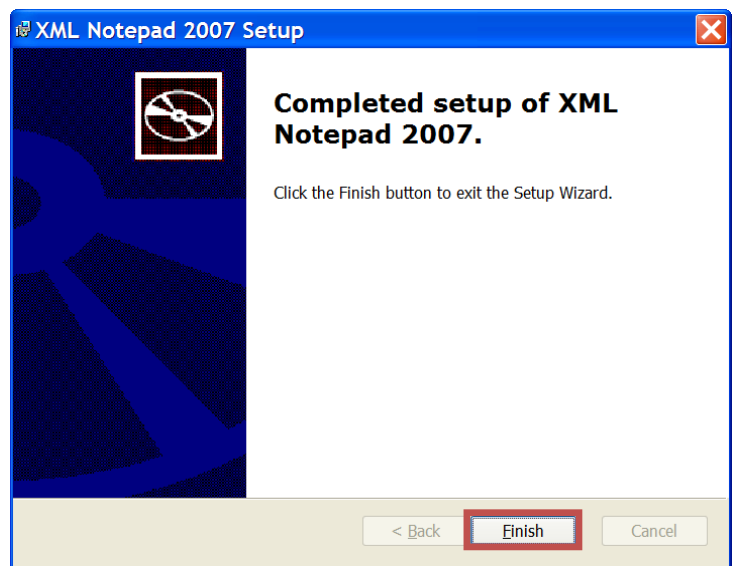
Advanced users may wish to customize their installation from this menu. To continue with the default installation click "Next."



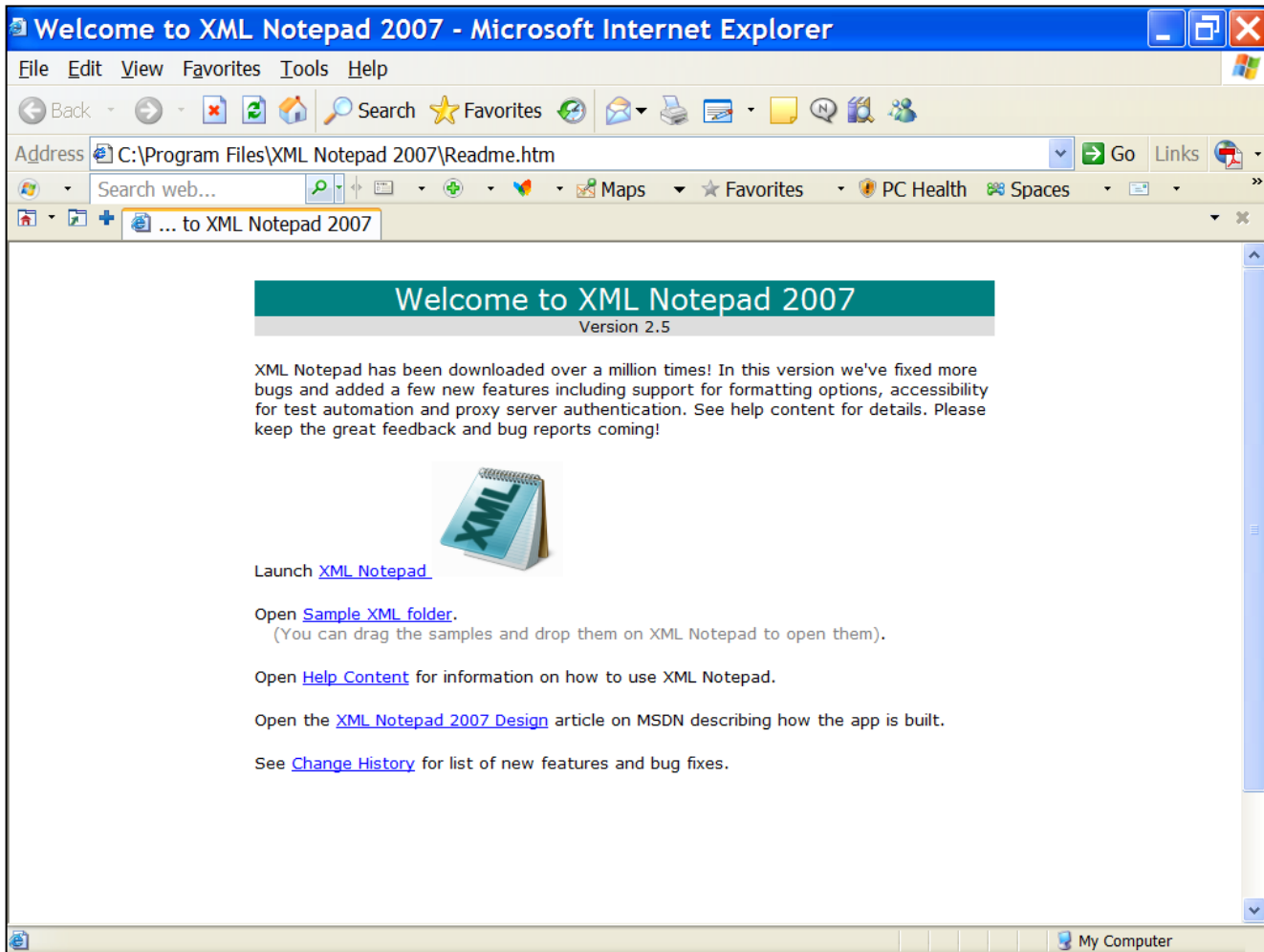
Now that your installation parameters have been defined, click "Install."



When installation is complete, a confirmation window will appear. Click "Finish" to end the installation process.

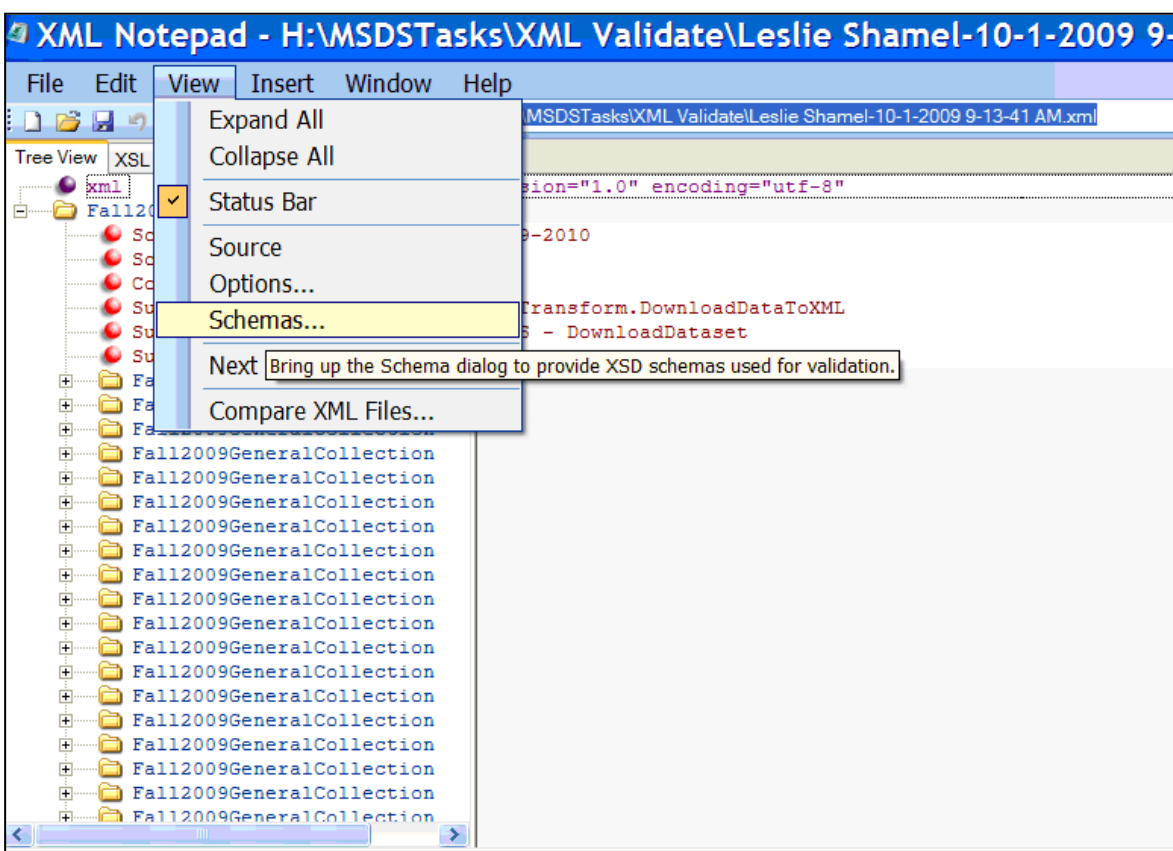


The Web page shown below will open in your browser, which contains links to additional information on the XML Notepad application.



## Validating an XML File against the Schema File

1. Copy the collection schema file from CEPI's Web site. Go to:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986\\_50502---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,1607,7-113-986_50502---,00.html)  
From the MSDS Data Collections section, click on the collection you wish to validate your local file against (i.e. Early Roster, General Collection, Student Record Maintenance, etc.).
2. Under the Technical Resources, right click on Fall 2009 General Collection XML Schema and choose "Save target as." Change the file extension to .xsd and save it to your local drive
3. Click on Start > Programs > XML Notepad 2007 > XML Notepad 2007 (this will open the XML Notepad 2007)
4. Under File Menu, open your XML file to be validated. The file will open with a vertically split window of "Tree View" on the left and the texts of values on the right.
5. Select View from the top menu and click on "Schemas..." as in the following image.



6. The XML Schemas dialog box opens.
7. If there are any schemas listed in the XML Schemas dialog box, in the File menu, click Clear. This will erase any schemas that have been previously loaded.
8. To add the node XML schema, in the File menu, click "Add schemas," type or browse to the location of .xsd saved in step 2, and then click "Open".



9. To load the node XML schema, click "OK." If any errors occur while you are editing the node XML file, they will be reported in the Error List tab, at the bottom of the XML Notepad 2007 window.

Error List			
Dynamic Help			
Description	File	Line	Column
The 'DateOfBirth' element is invalid - The value '111111' is invalid according to its datatype 'DateOfBirt...	Leslie%20Shamel-10-1-2...	13	14

10. When you double-click on the error, the record with the error will be opened on the right side with the value enclosed in a box.

The screenshot shows the XML Notepad 2007 interface. On the left, the 'Tree View' displays the XML schema structure. The 'DateOfBirth' element is selected. On the right, the 'XSL Output' pane shows the XML data. The value '111111' for the 'DateOfBirth' element is highlighted with a blue box, indicating the error.

Element	Value
version	"1.0" encoding="utf-8"
SchemaVersionMajor	2009-2010
SchemaVersionMinor	1
CollectionId	75
SubmittingSystemName	BWSTransform.DownloadDataToXML
SubmittingSystemVendor	MSDS - DownloadDataset
SubmittingSystemVersion	2.00
UIC	0045549753
LastName	BASTIANELLI
FirstName	JAMES
MiddleName	G
DateOfBirth	111111
MultipleBirthOrder	0
Gender	M

11. Correct the value and save.

## XML Schema Validation

### Software Installation

In order to validate the XML files, you have to download and install the tool **Notepad++** on your computer. This is a one-time installation. Once installed, this can be used to validate all the XML files.

Go to the Web page listed below:

<http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net/uk/site.htm>

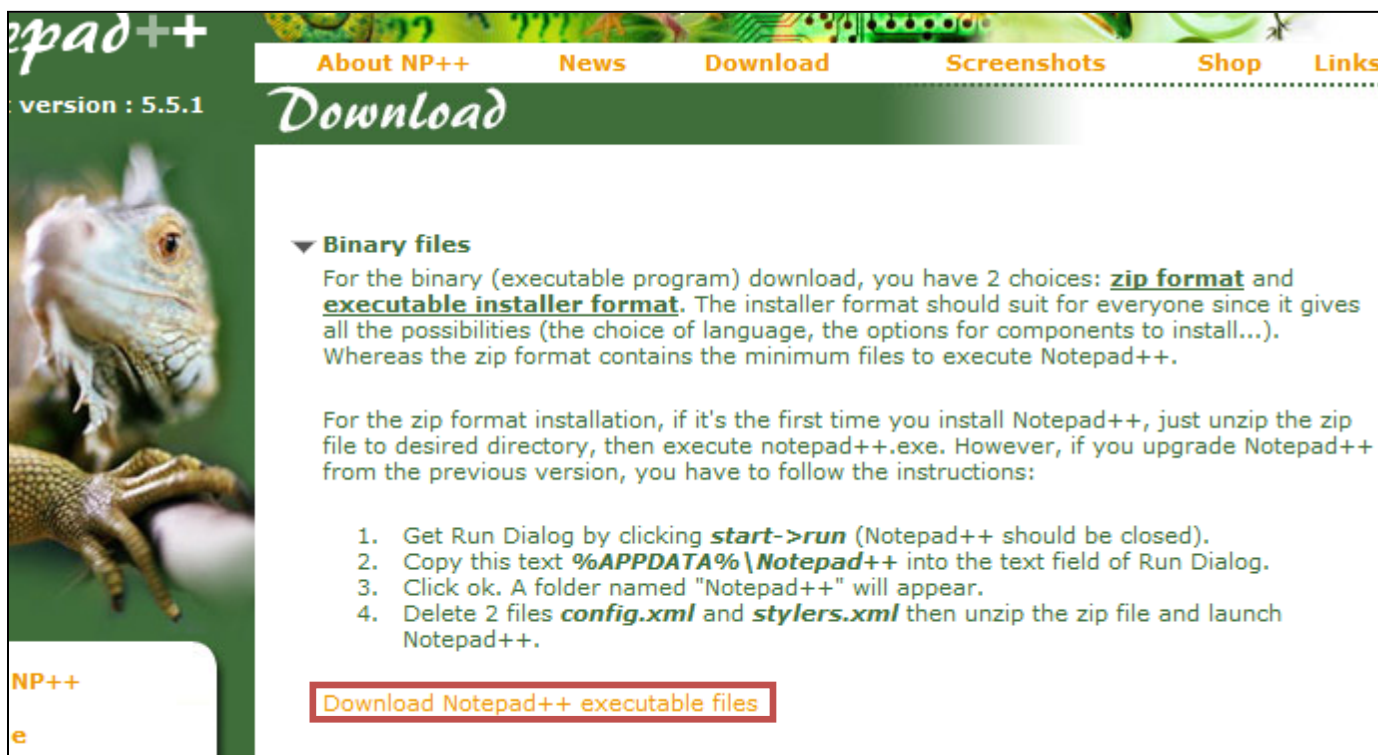
Click "Download" to continue.



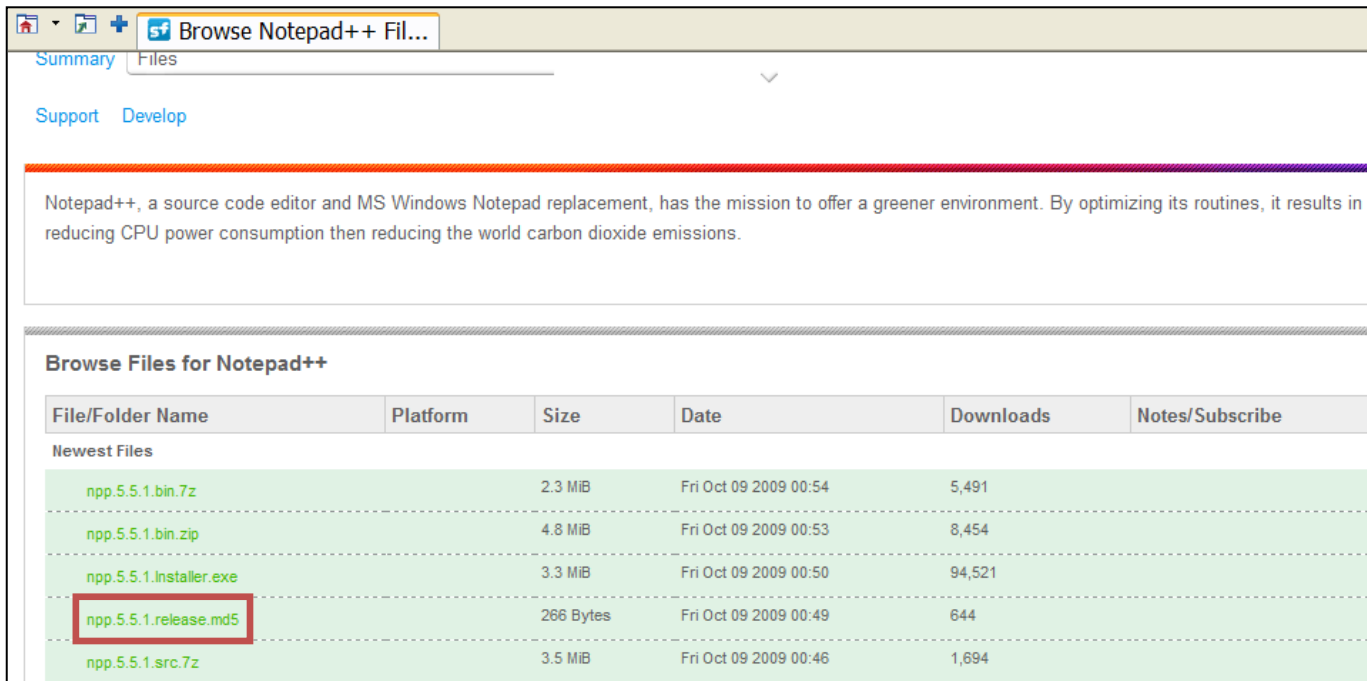
On the Download page, select the link for binary files.



Select the link to download Notepad++ executable files.



On the next screen, scroll down to see the sub-header Browse Files for Notepad++, and click the link titled, "npp.5.5.1.Installer.exe."

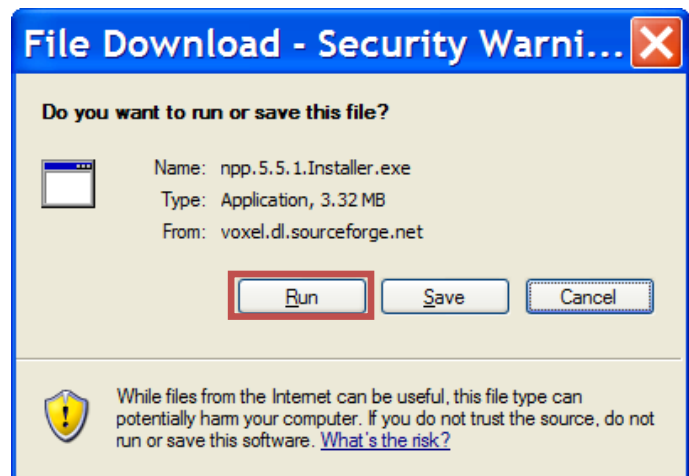


Notepad++, a source code editor and MS Windows Notepad replacement, has the mission to offer a greener environment. By optimizing its routines, it results in reducing CPU power consumption then reducing the world carbon dioxide emissions.

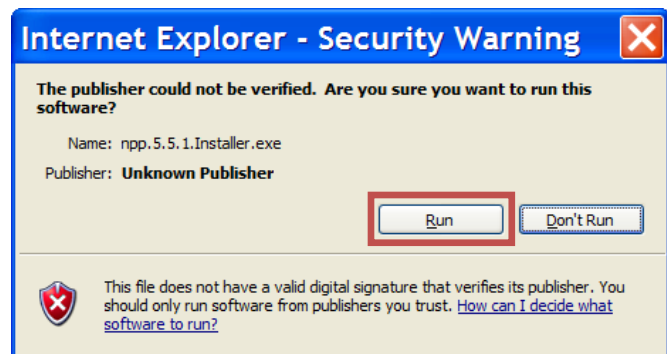
### Browse Files for Notepad++

File/Folder Name	Platform	Size	Date	Downloads	Notes/Subscribe
<b>Newest Files</b>					
npp.5.5.1.bin.7z		2.3 MiB	Fri Oct 09 2009 00:54	5,491	
npp.5.5.1.bin.zip		4.8 MiB	Fri Oct 09 2009 00:53	8,454	
npp.5.5.1.Installer.exe		3.3 MiB	Fri Oct 09 2009 00:50	94,521	
<b>npp.5.5.1.release.md5</b>		266 Bytes	Fri Oct 09 2009 00:49	644	
npp.5.5.1.src.7z		3.5 MiB	Fri Oct 09 2009 00:46	1,694	

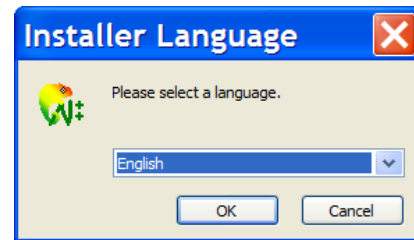
To install the application upon the completion of the download, click the "Run" button. If you wish to save the file for later use click "Save."



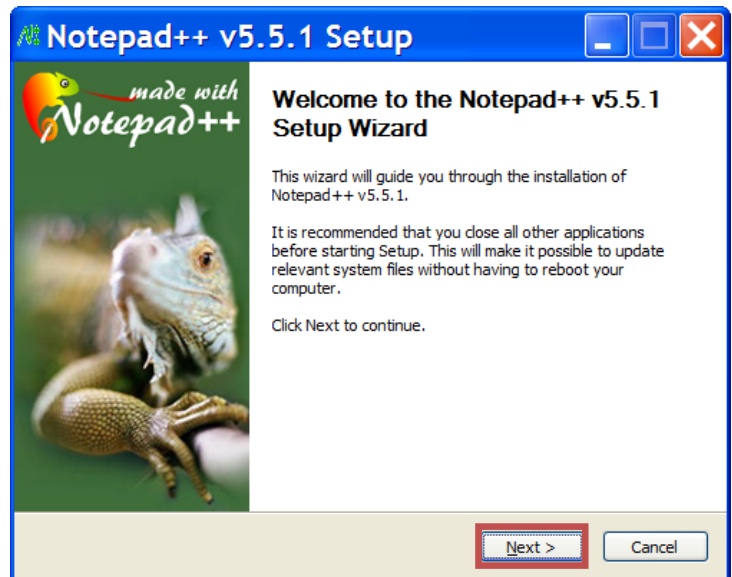
You may be prompted by a security warning when you begin the installation process. Click "Run" to continue.



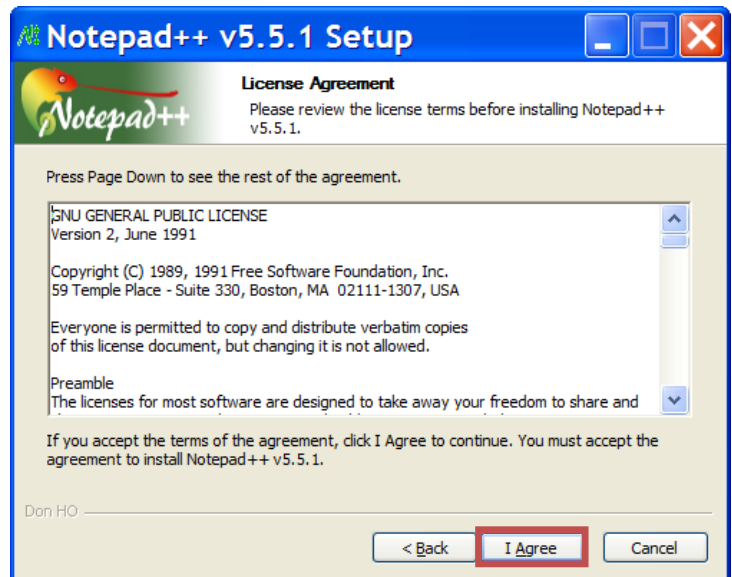
Select a language for installation.



Click "Next" to proceed with the installation process.



Review the terms for the application and click "I Agree" to continue.

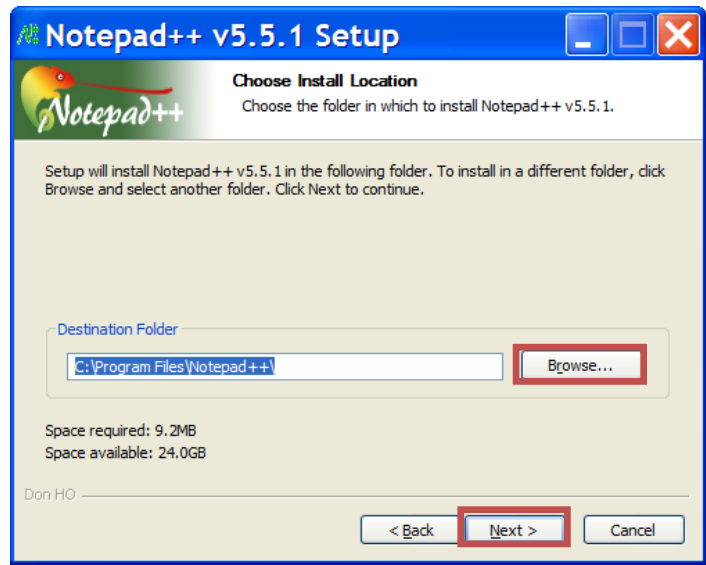




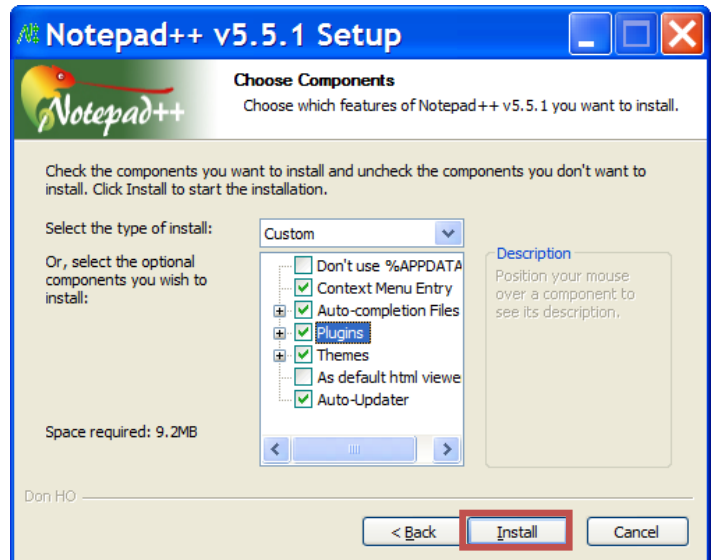
The default destination folder should be:

C:\Program Files\Notepad++\

If you wish to change that location, click "Browse" to choose a location. Click "Next" when you are ready to continue.



Advanced users may wish to customize their installation from this menu. To continue with the default installation, click "Install."



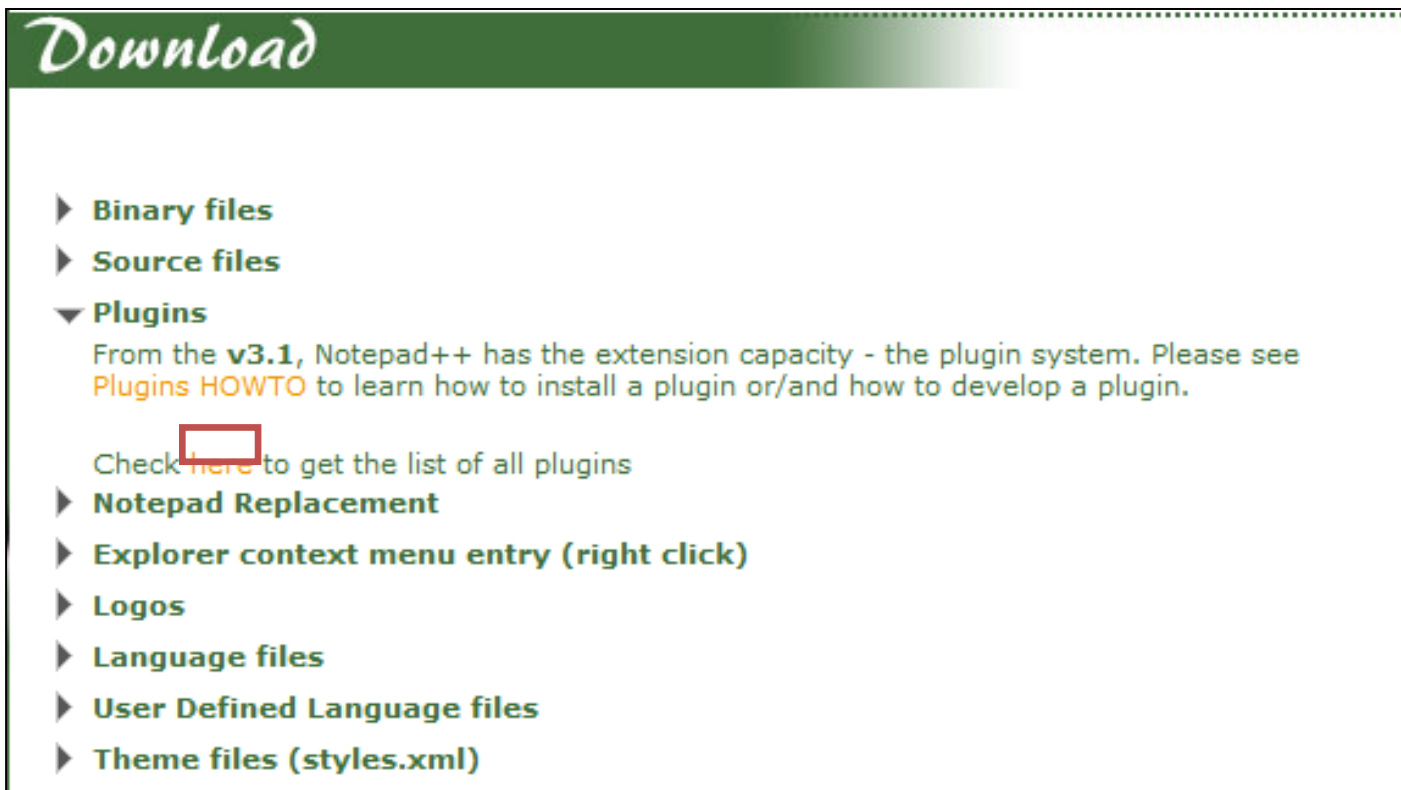
When installation is complete, a confirmation window will appear. Click "Finish" to end the installation process.



## Plug-in Installation

Notepad++ is installed, but now we have to install the plug-in tools for Notepad++ to validate XML files. Return to the Notepad++ Web site (<http://notepad-plus.sourceforge.net/uk/site.htm>) and click "Download" on the top menu.

From the Download screen, select "Plugins" and click the "here" link:

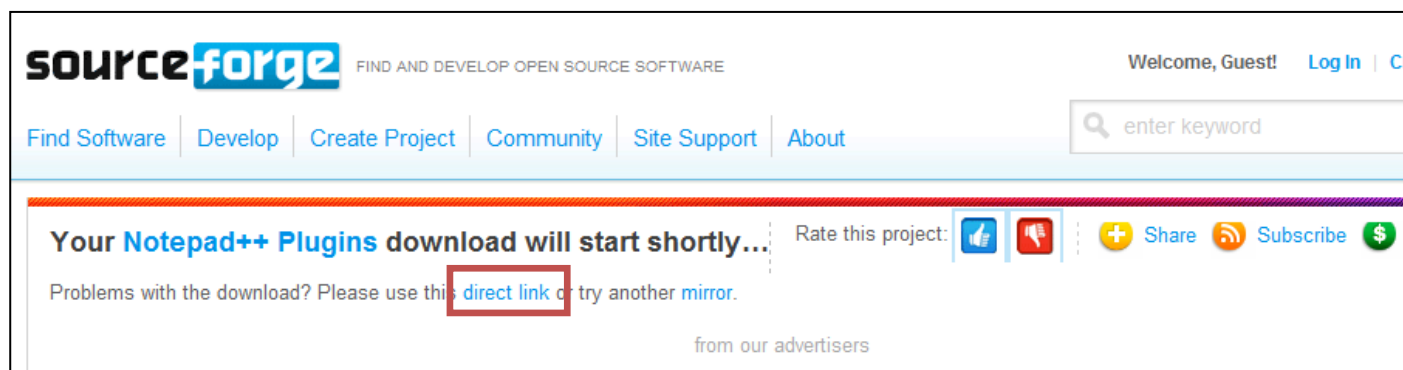


You will be taken to the SourceForge.net Plugin Central Web site. Scroll down the page until you reach the section of the page with the line "XML Tools" – click this link to continue.

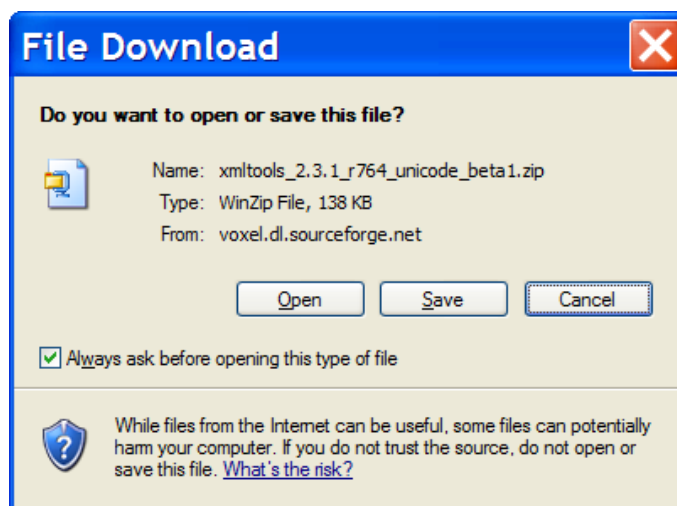
Version 1.1 ( ANSI / Unicode ) <a href="#">XBrackets Lite (Unicode)</a> <a href="#">XBrackets Lite (ANSI)</a>	XBrackets Lite allows to autocomplete brackets ({}[]") i.e. it inserts corresponding right bracket when the left bracket is typed. The plugin uses "smart" autocompletion: <p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>next character is analysed for ({}[] brackets;</li> <li>next &amp; previous characters are analysed for " quote.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Dovgan Vitaliy</a>
Version 2.3.1β1 r764 (Unicode) <a href="#">XML Tools</a>	This plugin is a small set of useful tools for editing XML with Notepad++. The plugin is libXML2-based. The plugin features are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XML syntax Check</li> <li>XML Schema (XSD) + DTD Validation</li> <li>XML tag autoclose</li> <li>Pretty print</li> <li>Linearize XML</li> <li>Current XML Path</li> <li>Conversion XML &lt;-&gt; Text</li> <li>Comment / Uncomment</li> <li>XPath expression evaluation</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Nicolas Crittin</a>



Your download will begin on the next screen in a few seconds. If for some reason it does not begin, click the "direct link" to manually download the file.



Depending on your browser's configuration you will be prompted to open or save the file, or one of those options will occur automatically.



Once your download is complete, the file will open with your system's ZIP default application or you will open it manually. Once you have opened it, the following files will be seen. Right click on the XMLTools.dll file and click "Copy."

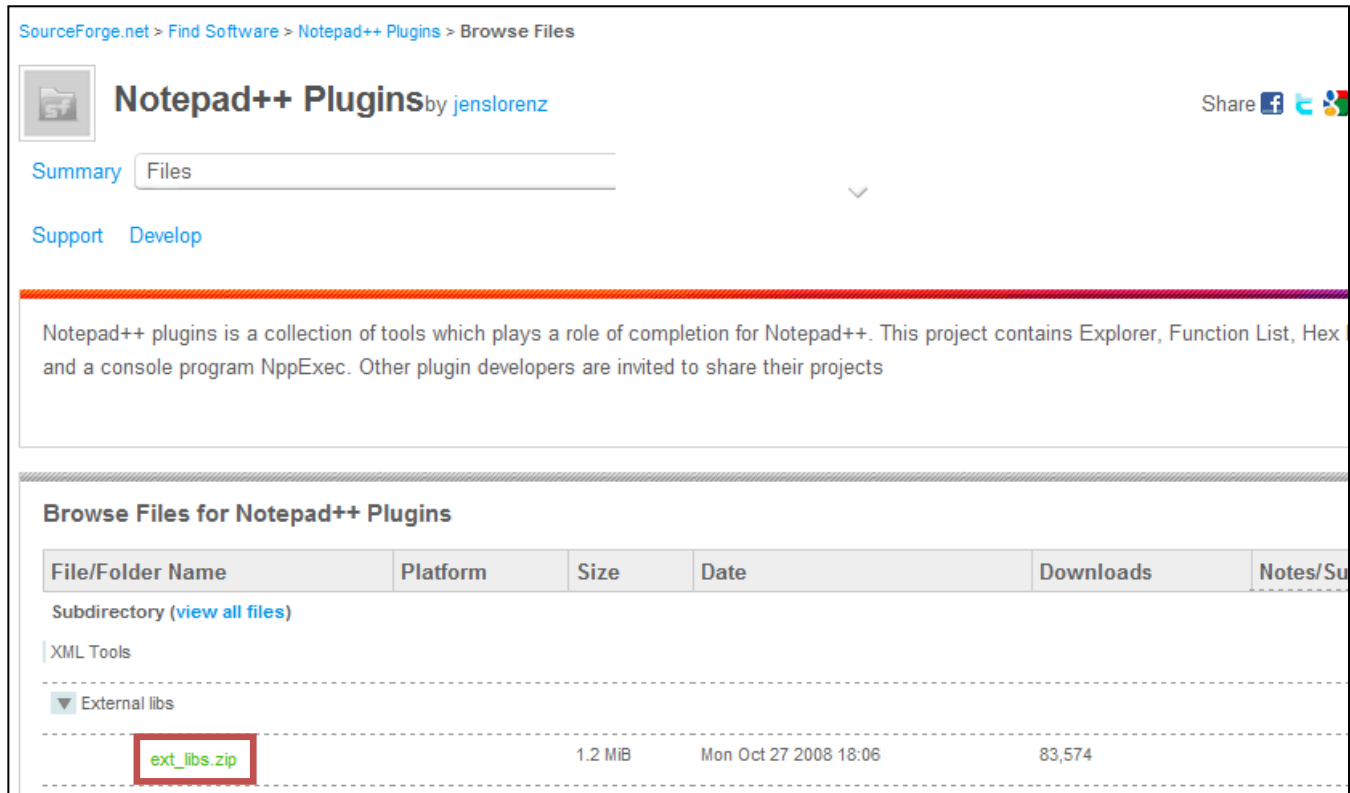
Name	Size	Type	Date Modified
Closed Tasks		File Folder	10/6/2009 7...
XML Validate		File Folder	10/20/2009 ...
xmltools_2.3.1_r764_unicode_beta1.zip	139 KB	WinZip File	10/20/2009 ...
XMLTools.dll	304 KB	Application E...	10/16/2009 ...

In your Windows Explorer, go to the folder listed below and paste the file:  
 C:\Program Files\Notepad++\plugins (this location may be different if you did not use the default installation location)

Go to the Web page listed below:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/npp-plugins/files/XML%20Tools/External%20libs/>

Click the link "ext\_libs.zip."



SourceForge.net > Find Software > Notepad++ Plugins > Browse Files

**Notepad++ Plugins** by jenslorenz

Summary Files

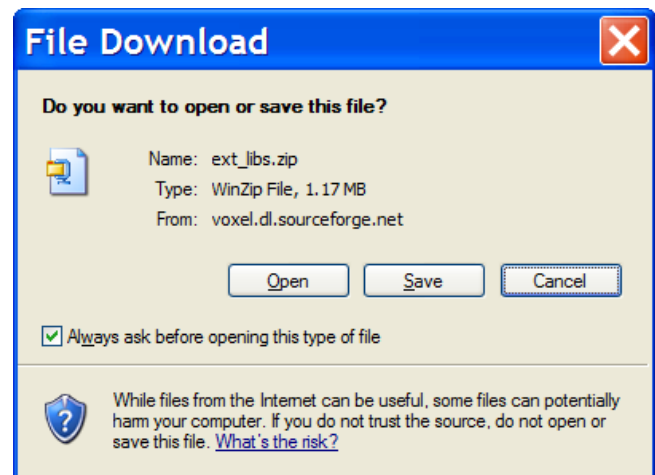
Support Develop

Notepad++ plugins is a collection of tools which plays a role of completion for Notepad++. This project contains Explorer, Function List, Hex and a console program NppExec. Other plugin developers are invited to share their projects

**Browse Files for Notepad++ Plugins**

File/Folder Name	Platform	Size	Date	Downloads	Notes/Su
Subdirectory ( <a href="#">view all files</a> )					
XML Tools					
External libs					
ext_libs.zip		1.2 MiB	Mon Oct 27 2008 18:06	83,574	

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XMLTools.dll	304 KB	Application E...
xmltools 2.3.1_r764_unicode_beta1.zip	139 KB	WinZip File
iconv.dll	868 KB	Application E...
libxml2.dll	953 KB	Application E...
libxslt.dll	163 KB	Application E...
zlib1.dll	72 KB	Application E...

In your Windows Explorer go to the folder listed below and paste the files:

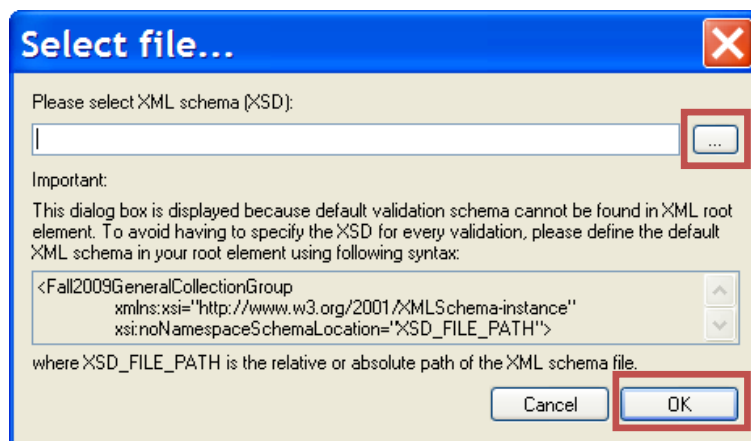
C:\Program Files\Notepad++\plugins (this location may be different if you did not use the default installation location).

## Validating a Schema File

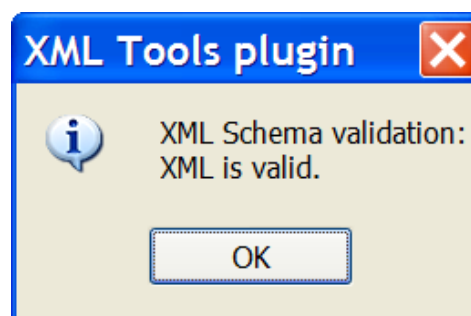
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2. Under the Technical Resources, right click on Fall 2009 General Collection XML Schema, choose "Save target as" and save it to your local drive.
3. Open Notepad++ (click on Start > Programs > Notepad++ > Notepad++ ).
4. Under File Menu, Open your XML file to be validated.
5. When the file is opened, press Ctrl+Alt+Shift+M

Click on the browse button (labeled "...") next to XML Schema to select the .xsd file saved in the second step.

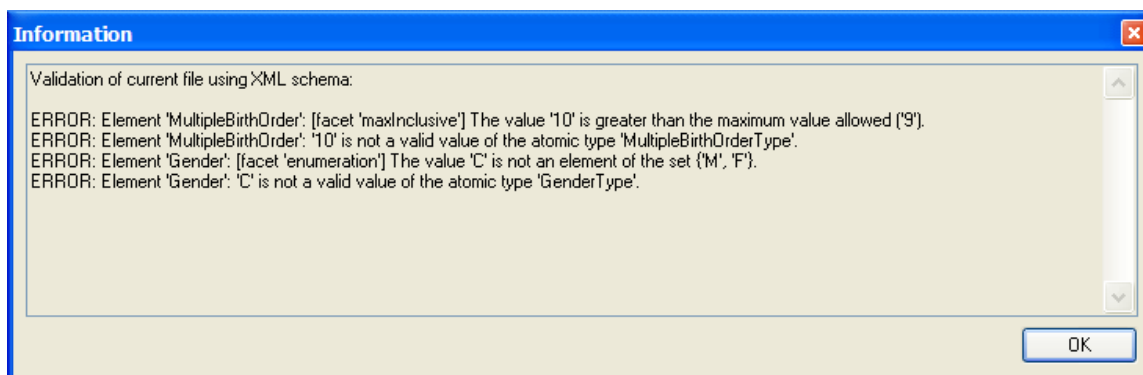
Click "OK" to continue.



If the XML file is valid, the following window will open. Click on "OK" to close.



If the file is not valid, then the following Information window will open.



## How to Read the Error Message

Each error will have two lines of code in the information window. The first line is the value from the Schema (XSD) file and the second line is the error that has occurred in the XML file.

In the illustrated example, in the first error, the first line indicates that the maximum value allowed for MultipleBirthOrder is 9. The second line indicates that a record contains number 10 as the value of Multiple Birth Order.

In the second error, the first line indicates that only M or F are allowed in the Gender Type. The second line indicates there is a record in the XML file with the value of C instead of M or F.

In order to fix the errors, select the Search menu and click on Find. In the Find What text box, type "<elementname> value" and click "Find Next" (e.g., [ <Gender>C ]).

The search will point to the error record.

```
<SubmittingEntityTypeCode>D</SubmittingEntityTypeCode>
<SubmittingEntityCode>25260</SubmittingEntityCode>
</SubmittingEntity>
<PersonalCore>
  <UIC>0019191919</UIC>
  <LastName>DOE</LastName>
  <FirstName>JAMES</FirstName>
  <MiddleName>G</MiddleName>
  <DateOfBirth>2008-09-05</DateOfBirth>
  <MultipleBirthOrder>0</MultipleBirthOrder>
  <Gender>C</Gender>
</PersonalCore>
<EntityDemographics>
  <OperatingISDESANumber>25</OperatingISDESANumber>
```

Fix the error and perform the validation again.